

City of Newburgh

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City Council Extends Event Permit Moratorium

At their February 15, 2011 meeting, the City Council extended a moratorium on event permit applications necessitating overtime or special services from City departments. The moratorium will be in effect through December 31, 2011.

The moratorium will also apply to City-sponsored events, as well as those on City property planned by outside organizations or individuals requesting City co-sponsorship (waiving of insurance and fees). An exception may be made for events planned by City departments or agencies after careful review of possible budget impacts, or events determined by the Council to be in the best interest and benefit of the community.

It will not apply to gatherings protected under the First Amendment; however the City retains the right to determine the time, place and manner of these gatherings. The moratorium also does not apply to those events for which the cost of City personnel and/or services are reimbursed by the event organizers.

No event permit application will be approved by the City Manager without a careful analysis by staff of the potential costs to the City in personnel and services. Organizers of events which require City staff, equipment, and/or services must offset the projected costs of events prior to receiving an approved permit application.

An individual or organization denied approval or application for an event under this moratorium is entitled to request a hearing before the City Manager and/or submit an amended application for a permit for an event which does not require additional City personnel or services.